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Music Fills the Air on Hyde Street Pier During the Sea Music Festival

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park presents a one-day musical event featuring renowned singers, songwriters and instrumentalists who specialize in the unique and varied tradition of music of the sea, on Saturday, October 16, from 10am-5pm. Local artists, and performers from across the country and Europe, will bring the rich 19th century seafaring heritage alive on two stages on Hyde Street Pier, aboard the 1886 square-rigger *Balclutha* and in the Visitor Center theater. Over forty musicians from England, Ireland, Canada, across the United States, and the Bay Area, will perform centuries-old sea chanteys, mournful ballads and raucous drinking songs.

Sea chanteys, traditional shipboard work songs, were created and sung by sailors to lift spirits and maintain rhythm while working as a team. Other sea songs, like forebitters, ballads and drinking songs, were sung at leisure or ashore.

Today, these songs are a musical porthole into the past. Come experience maritime history by hearing songs, singing along and participating in demonstrations of shipboard work, such as raising a sail to the sea chantey beat and turning the capstan (winch) on the foredeck. Join in on a demonstration of rope making and learn how to tie a nautical knot. Also, children can participate by creating maritime-related crafts, such as sailors valentines, signal flag necklaces or “fish stick” puppets.

Please join us on the pier Saturday, October 16!



Musicians will be performing throughout the day at several locations in the park. The main stage will be located midway down the Hyde Street Pier with additional stages located on *Balclutha*, near the head of the pier and in the Visitor Center (located across from Hyde Street Pier). Some of the musicians that are scheduled to appear include: Dogwatch Nautical Band, Sons of the Buccaneers, Louis Killen, Shay and Shosi Black, The Holdstocks, Salty Walt and the Rattlin’ Ratlines, Allan MacLeod, Ebo Okokan, Riggy Rackin, Tom Lewis and Jan Christensen. For more information please call the visitor center at 415/447-5000. For further information on the performers please go to www.nps.gov/safr/seafest.html.

Welcome!

Welcome to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. This park is just one of the 388 National Park areas set aside for all of us to enjoy. These sites include a rich diversity of resources from which we can draw enjoyment, inspiration and knowledge.

This fall and winter you have an extra special opportunity to enjoy and learn about the rich musical traditions of the sea. Join us in October for the Sea Music Festival on Hyde Street Pier. Experience a musical feast as you wander the pier and ships. Make plans to enjoy a concert aboard the *Balclutha* during our Sea Music Concert series. Enjoy the unique camaraderie of singing with others during our monthly Chantey Sing.

When visiting the pier don’t forget to stop by the Visitor Center, at the corner of Jefferson and Hyde Streets. In November a new exhibit is opening. Small boats, built during the late 19th and early 20th century, and used for recreation on the San Francisco Bay, Lake Tahoe and Russian and Sacramento Rivers, will be on display.

On page three you will find information on the many other programs available on the pier, in the museum, visitor center and library.

Please enjoy and take advantage of what your national park offers!

Kate Richardson
Superintendent



1 Sea Music Festival

Visit Hyde Street Pier on Saturday, October 16, from 10am to 5pm for this one-day musical event. It’s free!

2 New Visitor Center Exhibit

The exhibit, “What’s Your Pleasure? Recreational Boats of California’s Past,” opens on November 17, in the Visitor Center.

4 Boatload of Maritime Activities for Children

Sailors’ crafts, traditional music, sailors’ ditty bag activity and a shipshape Junior Ranger Program—fun for all ages, but especially for kids and families.

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**San Francisco Maritime
National Historical Park**

Established in 1988, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park encompasses only 34 acres, but contains the most national historic landmarks of any unit in the National Park Service. In addition to the fleet of ships at Hyde Street Pier, the park includes the Aquatic Park Historic District (Maritime Museum, urban beach, picnic area and bocce ball courts), a Visitor Center and a research library (in Fort Mason Center).

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Small Craft Exhibit Opens in Visitor Center

From Lake Tahoe to the Russian River, from the Golden Gate to Sacramento, Californians have been seeking fun in boats since they began taking vacations. Come see some of the most exciting pleasure craft in the collection of San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. The exhibit, “What’s Your Pleasure? Recreational Boats of California’s Past,” includes 1940’s Sacramento River Hydroplanes, a Russian River launch from the 19th century, and many more!

The exhibit will open on November 18, 2004, in the park’s visitor center located at the corner of Jefferson and Hyde Streets in San Francisco.

Photo at right: The *Anona*, a 19-foot gas-powered launch used to carry passengers on the Russian River in the 1900s.



Balclutha’s Upcoming 50th Anniversary



Balclutha, built in 1886, is a splendid example of a 19th century British merchant ship. She is the gem of the fleet of historic vessels berthed at the Hyde Street Pier, part of San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

Since July 19, 1955, she has been moored in the Fisherman’s Wharf district of San Francisco and open to the public. The park will be celebrating *Balclutha*’s 50th year of being open to the public in July 2005.

In 1954 the San Francisco Maritime Museum Association purchased *Balclutha*, then called *Pacific Queen*, for \$25,000. Assisted by donations of cash, materials and labor from the local community, the Museum Association restored the vessel and returned her original name. The ship was transferred to the care of the National Park Service in 1978 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1985.

Photo at left: *Balclutha* in October, 1952, then known as *Pacific Queen*, deteriorating on a mudflat in Sausalito, CA with a hundred holes rusted through her hull. She currently resides at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park as a fully-restored ship.

Sea Music Concert Series: Fall/Winter Lineup

Experience driving chants, instrumentals and harmonies reverberating from the wooden decks of *Balclutha*. **John Conolly**, (Saturday, 10/23), a singer/songwriter from England, will perform with mandolinist **Pete Sumner**. **Robbie O’Connell**, (Saturday, 11/20), has been described as a songwriter of emotionally powerful and often hilarious songs. Local heroes **Holdstock and MacLeod**, (Friday, 12/10), will return for this year’s finale.

All concerts are presented at 8:00pm at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park aboard the historic ship *Balclutha* moored at Hyde Street Pier at Fisherman’s Wharf. Tickets for each performance are \$16. For information and tickets call 415-561-6662 x33 or friedel@maritime.org.



Pete Sumner and John Conolly



Robbie O’Connell



Allan MacLeod and Dick Holdstock

Visitor Information

Dates and Hours of Operation

Hyde Street Pier, located at Hyde and Jefferson Streets, is open 9:30AM-5:00PM—last entry at 4:30PM (October 16-May 30), and 9:30AM–5:30PM—last entry at 5PM (Memorial Day-October 15). The *Maritime Museum* (Aquatic Park Bathhouse Building), located on Beach Street at the foot of Polk Street, is open 10:00AM-5:00PM, year-round. The *Visitor Center*, located at the corner of Hyde and Jefferson Streets, is open 9:30AM-5:00PM (October 17-May 30) and 9:30AM-7:00PM (Memorial Day-October 16). The *Maritime Library*, located on the third floor of Bldg. E in Fort Mason Center (auto entrance at Buchanan Street and Marina Blvd), is open 1:00PM-8:00PM Tuesdays, 1:00PM-5:00PM Wednesday-Friday, and 10:00AM-5:00PM Saturdays.

No-Fee Areas

Visitor Center, Hyde Street Pier, Aquatic Park Historic District (including the Maritime Museum) and the Maritime Library (Fort Mason Center).

Boarding Pass (Entrance Fee For Historic Vessels): \$5.00

Free for supervised children under 17. Free with National Parks Pass or Golden Age/Access Pass.

Reservations/Permits

Reservations for school groups and other educational groups must be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. At least one month’s notice and application for Special Use Permits is required. Filming permits are arranged on an individual basis.

Contact Information

General Park Information: 415-447-5000
Maritime Store: 415-775-2665
Maritime Library: 415-561-7030

USS *Pampanito*: 415-775-1943
Park Website: www.nps.gov/safr
Association Website: www.maritime.org

Music, Tours, Living History and Classes

MUSIC

SEA MUSIC FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 16, 10am-5pm. At Hyde Street Pier. No fee; \$3 donation suggested.
For more information see the article on the front page.

2004 SEA MUSIC CONCERT SERIES
October through December. For more information see article at left.

CHANTEY SING
Saturdays, October 2, October 16, November 6 and December 4, 8PM-MIDNIGHT. No fee.
Aboard an historic vessel at Hyde Street Pier. Reservations required: call 415-556-6435 or email peter_kasin@nps.gov.
Sing traditional working songs aboard a floating vessel. Bring a mug for hot cider! An additional chantey sing has been added in October. Join us in the evening on 10/16 following the day-long annual Sea Music Festival on Hyde Street Pier.

NEW PROGRAM!
CHANTEYING ABOARD AMERICAN SHIPS
Saturday, October 30, 2PM. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee.
Discover the African American and Celtic roots of these work songs. The choruses are easy to sing and participants will be invited to sing along.

MUSIC OF THE SEA FOR KIDS
Saturdays, November 20 and December 18, 2PM. Aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission (under 17 free).
History comes alive for kids in this special program, where the songs are geared for younger ears and chosen especially for fun. Ages 5 and up.

A SINGING TOUR OF BALCLUTHA
Sunday, November 28, NOON. Aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission.
Walk the decks of this 1886 sailing ship to locate places where shipboard songs were sung. Optional: help turn a capstan and a bilge pump while singing along.

HOLIDAYS AT SEA

CHRISTMAS AT SEA
Saturday, December 11, 2PM-4:30PM at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission (under 17 free).
Reservations required: 415-561-6662 x 33, or friedel@maritime.org. Bring the whole family down to Hyde Street Pier for an old fashioned holiday aboard our historic ships!

PROGRAMS

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS: A SAILOR'S LIFE
Saturdays, October 23, November 27 and December 18, 1:30PM. Meet in the Visitor Center theater. No fee.
Learn the arts and crafts of sailors at sea, and take home with you a sailor's valentine or a signal flag necklace! For kids of all ages. For more details, see the "Fun and Education for Younger Sailors" section on the back page.

THE FUN OF COMMUTING
Sundays, October 24, November 21, and December 19, Noon. Aboard Eureka at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission.
Commute getting you down? Not on the ferries of yesteryear! Learn how much fun ferryboat commuting could be on this walking tour of the 1890 ferry *Eureka*.

SMALL CRAFT ON HYDE STREET PIER
Saturday, October 23; Sunday, November 14 and Sunday, December 19, 2PM. At the Small Boat shop on Hyde Street Pier. No fee.
Join a ranger for an interesting look at our small craft collection, and learn about its place in San Francisco Bay history.

THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE SCHOONER C.A. THAYER
Sundays, October 3, November 7 and December 5, 2PM. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee.
Adapting to multiple careers, the *C.A. Thayer* has survived for more than a century. Learn how the restoration of this 1895 West Coast schooner will preserve not only the vessel itself, but also a variety of vanishing maritime traditions.

TOURS OF LUMBER SCHOONER C. A. THAYER
Tours are every second and fourth Monday, from 11am-2pm (10/11 and 10/25, 11/8 and 11/22 and 12/13 and 12/27). No fee.
Travel to a giant seaplane hanger at Alameda Point, Alameda, for a Ranger-led tour of the restoration of the Park's Landmark schooner *C.A. Thayer*. In addition to watching the meticulous "de-construction" of this 109-year-old vessel, and learning about West Coast shipbuilding techniques, visitors will be able to peruse panels, ships plans and view an historic video of *Thayer's* last commercial voyage. For more information about the project, visit the *Thayer* Project pages at <http://www.nps.gov/safr/local/thayrest.html> A map (in Acrobat format) is available online at <http://www.nps.gov/safr/local/thayrest.html> or call the Park Visitor Center at 415-447-5000 for directions.

EUREKA ENGINE ROOM TOUR
Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, December 26, 2PM. Meet on Eureka's gangway. Vessel admission.
Tour *Eureka's* engine room and get a close-up look at what makes a steam ferry run.

HERCULES ENGINEERING TOUR
Sundays, October 17, November 21 and December 5, 2PM. Meet at the gangway on the Pier. Vessel admission. Tour includes climbing moderately steep ladders and entering cramped spaces.
Explore the major engineering spaces and learn about steam piston technology and its effects on the working environment of the marine steam engineer.



I.K. BRUNEL: THE MAN AND HIS SHIPS
Sunday, October 17 and Saturday, November 20, 2PM. In the Maritime Museum. No fee.
A fascinating look at an engineering genius, and the three vessels he designed: *Great Western*, *Great Britain* and *Great Eastern*.

BIRDS OF THE BAY
Sundays, October 17, November 7 and December 5, 9:30AM. Meet at Hyde Street Pier entrance. No fee.
See shore, migratory, citified and resident birds on this birdwalk. Bring binoculars, bird books and dress warmly.

LIFE IN NELSON'S NAVY
Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, November 28, 2PM. In the Visitor Center theater. No fee.
Slide show about life in the British Royal Navy at the time of Nelson, featuring period food and clothing.

SHIP RADIO DEMONSTRATION
Saturdays, October 30 and November 27, 10AM-12PM AND 1-4PM. In the Maritime Museum. No fee.
Inside a replica WWII ship's radio room, docents interpret the technology and explain the vital role ship's radio operators played. They will also send a real radiogram message for you to anywhere in the United States!

COSTUMED LIVING HISTORY

A DAY IN THE LIFE: 1901
Saturday, November 13, 10AM-4PM. Aboard the historic vessels. Vessel admission.
At the officer's command, watch the Living History crew aboard *Balclutha* go aloft to set the topsail. They need help with other work around the ship, so look lively and lend a hand raising the staysail and turning the capstan. At 1:00 PM join a salon of Victorian women for afternoon tea in the year 1901 on the Ark houseboat. Listen as they discuss issues ranging from corsetry to voting rights. At 2:00 PM meet aboard the *Balclutha* for the Sailors' Dogwatch. A dogwatch is a shortened or "docked watch," when sailors relax, sing songs, swap stories and play card games. Join in on some songs.

IN THE LIBRARY

THE GOLDEN HINDE
Saturday, October 30, 6PM. In the Maritime Library, Building E, Fort Mason Center. Fee: \$4 (\$3 Library Friends and SFMNPA) Reservations: 415-561-7040.
Former crew members Stephen Canright and Tim Przygocki will show slides and discuss their time aboard the replica of the famous ship in which Sir Francis Drake circumnavigated the globe.

A RESEARCHER'S DREAM: PACIFIC MARITIME RESOURCES IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
Saturday, November 13, 6PM. In the Maritime Library, Building E, Fort Mason Center. Fee: \$4 (\$3 Library Friends and SFMNPA) Reservations: 415-561-7040.
The Pacific Region of the National Archives and Records Administration includes in its holdings over 10,000 cubic feet of Federal records relating to Pacific Maritime history dating from 1848 to the 1960's. Regional Archives Director Daniel Nealand will present a "show and tell" of audiovisuals and samples from the collection including records from the Collector of Customs, the 12th Naval District, the Coast Guard and the San Francisco Federal Court.

BOATBUILDING

WOODEN BOAT REPAIR METHODS
Monday through Saturday, October 4-9. Fee: \$600. For more information contact Patti Clark, 415-561-6662 x30 or pclark@maritime.org
Figure out what's wrong and how to fix it correctly. Working on three "patient" boats, students will conduct a survey and disassemble the boats. They will then make repairs such as steam bend frames, fit and bevel sawn frames, fit floor timbers, scarf repairs into keels, and repair or replace stems, transoms and planks.

AN INTRODUCTION TO BOATBUILDING
Monday through Saturday, October 11-16. Fee: \$600. For more information contact Patti Clark, 415-561-6662 x30 or pclark@maritime.org
Students will build a 15' Karl Stambaugh Bay Skiff utilizing marine plywood and epoxy, using a modified glue-and-screw type construction. Students will progress step-by-step through the building stages: stem, transom and frame construction; breathook and quarterknee installation; thwarts and interior trim; daggerboard and case construction; mast, boom and rudder assemblies. No prior boatbuilding experience is required.

MARINE SURVEYING AS A BUSINESS
Monday through Friday, October 18-22. Fee: \$600. For more information contact Patti Clark, 415-561-6662 x30 or pclark@maritime.org
While the instructor includes the basics of marine survey inspection focusing on wood, fiberglass, aluminum and steel vessels, the content focus is on how to set up a business, establish contacts, do fieldwork and research, conduct surveys and write comprehensive reports. Guest lecturers from insurance, repair and survey industries, along with fieldwork at local boatyards promises a busy and informative five days.

VOLUNTEERS

HANDS NEEDED
Interested in woodworking, rigging, working with the public, library science or archives? Have we got the perfect challenge for you! Call the Volunteer Office at 415-556-1613 or visit www.nps.gov/safr/local/vip1.html and join the crew!

AGE OF SAIL

The San Francisco Maritime National Park Association's 4th - 8th grade Age of Sail programs are accepting bookings through June 2004. These programs offer hands-on learning based on California State Content Standards and take place aboard the park's historic vessels at Hyde Street Pier. Students develop skills in historical reasoning, critical thinking, teamwork, active listening and taking responsibility. Programs range in cost from \$25 to \$60 per student. Take your class aboard for a voyage into history. For more information, call Patricia Clark at 415-561-6662 x 30, ageofsail@maritime.org or click on www.maritime.org/nmmaedu.



WWII SUBMARINE USS PAMPANITO

Open daily. At Pier 45, Fisherman's Wharf. Fee: adults, \$9; 6-12, \$4; under 6 free with adult; over 62, \$5; active duty military, \$4; family ticket, \$20. Information: 415-775-1943.
The Balao-class USS *Pampanito* (SS-383), a museum and memorial operated by the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association, made six patrols in the Pacific during World War II. Admission includes a self-guided audio tour.

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Fun and Education for Younger Sailors At the Park Association

This is a special section of the *Maritime News* just for kids. Listed below are some opportunities at the park to create maritime crafts, to sing like a sailor and to become a Junior Ranger!

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS:
A SAILOR'S LIFE
Saturdays, October 23 (Sailor's Valentine), November 27 (Signal Flag Necklace) and December 18 (Sailor's Valentine), 1:30PM. Meet in Visitor Center theater (Hyde and Jefferson). No fee.

Signal Flag Necklace
Before radio and satellite communication, when ship's crews needed to send messages to land and to other ships, they hoisted signal flags up the masts. It was a splendid display of color and design. You can make your own colorful necklace that spells your name out of paper signal flags.

Sailors' Valentines
It was a lonely life at sea. Sailors were separated from their families and friends back home. Before there was Valentine's Day, sailors created cards or presents to give to their loved ones when they returned from their long voyages. Create a valentine of your own to give to someone special.



Students learn the power of block-and-tackle on the Pier. Photo: NPS.

MUSIC
Music of the Sea for Kids
Saturdays, November 20 and December 18, 2PM. Aboard Balclutha at Hyde Street Pier. Vessel admission.
History comes alive in this special program where the songs are geared for younger ears and chosen especially for fun.

CURRICULUM IS NOT JUST FOR TEACHERS
Are you interested in a painless way to teach your children about maritime history? Take a look at the new *Voyages* curriculum available on the park website. Each of the six lessons contains a "Seaside Story." These historically

accurate fictional stories will capture the imaginations of your kids and help them walk in the sea boots of kids from the Age of Sail. Find the *Voyages* curriculum at www.nps.gov/safr/local/education/education.htm.

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM
Explore the park's historic ships up close and earn your Junior Ranger badge! By completing the activities listed on a special worksheet you will learn about seafaring history and will become a steward of the national parks. (A steward is one who takes care of parks.) Worksheets are available at the Visitor Center, Pier ticket booth and Maritime Museum. Good luck and have lots of fun!

FAMILY ACTIVITY DITTY BAGS
Grab a rope handle and explore the Museum on this fun group "voyage." Navigate through the exhibits (using a real compass), write a "radiogram," compose messages using signal flags and roleplay about life at sea with character cards. This free program is available at the museum desk.

FOURTH ANNUAL MARITIME HERITAGE AWARDS AND GALA
Thursday, October 14, Palace Hotel, San Francisco.
"Celebrating the Works of Jack London." We honor this unique and extraordinary sailor and author and celebrate the anniversary of "Sea Wolf" and other great stories of the sea. We will also be honoring three extraordinary individuals who have made significant contributions to education and preserving our maritime heritage. Don't miss the splashiest event of the year! For more information, call Darlene Plumtree at 415.561.6662, extension 15 or e-mail: dplumtree@maritime.org.

COMMODORE CLUB EVENT: AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES (APL) CONTAINER SHIP TOUR AND RECEPTION
November 2004 (Date to be announced).
Tour a state of the art container ship at the APL shipyard in Alameda. This is a fascinating look at shipping in the Bay Area today. For more information, call Darlene Plumtree at 415.561.6662, extension 15 or e-mail: dplumtree@maritime.org.

